

THE SILVER LINING.

A fisherman sat at his door one day
Watching the clouds, that heavy and gray,
Obscured the sunlight's shining;
And he said to Bright Eyes at his knee,
"Look yonder out in the west, and see
The cloud with the silver lining."

I think when our skies are cold and gray,
And we vainly seek to find the way,
Somewhere the light is shining,
If we bravely resolve to do our part,
And bear our griefs with a patient heart,
And free from all repining.

We shall be led to a higher way,
To better work than we do to-day,
And find love's sunlight shining;
For truth of spirit and strength of soul
Will make the darkest cloud unroll
And show its silver lining.

—Helen Keith.

Household.

EGG CAKE.

One egg, one cupful of sugar, one cupful of milk, two cupfuls of flour, one tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar; bake quickly and eat warm with sauce or cold with preserves.

MOLASSES PUFFS.

These are easily made, and nice when eaten hot. One cupful of sugar, one-half-cupful of butter, one cupful of molasses, one egg, one tablespoonful of ginger, one teaspoonful of soda, one cupful of hot water, four cupfuls of flour and a pinch of salt. Bake in gum pans.

WHITE MOUNTAIN CAKE.

Three cups of sugar, one of butter, one-half cup of sweet milk, whites of ten eggs, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder sifted into four and a half cups of flour; flavor with bitter almond or vanilla. Bake in layers; put icing between, made of the whites of three eggs, and one pound of powdered sugar.

BAKED INDIAN PUDDING.

One quart sweet milk, boiled; pour into a pudding pan and thicken with meal and a handful of flour about as stiff as for griddles; one teaspoonful salt, two-thirds of a cupful molasses; spice with cinnamon, if you please. Quartered sweet apples are an improvement. Bake this till red; which will require at least four hours.

LIGHT GINGER-BREAD.

One pint of New Orleans molasses; set on the corner of the range until warm enough to melt one-half pound of lard in it; beat it up well; one half nutmeg; one teaspoonful each of cinnamon and cloves, and two tablespoonfuls ginger, a pinch of salt, one cupful milk, stirred in two beaten eggs and prepared flour, with two teaspoonfuls baking powder added; mix just stiff enough for the dough to break off clear when you pour it from the spoon.

ADHESIVE PASTE.

To make such paste as is used on the backs of postage stamps, follow this receipt: dextrine, two ounces; acetic acid, four drachms; alcohol, four drachms; water, two and a half ounces. Mix the dextrine, acetic acid and water, stirring until thoroughly mixed; then add alcohol. For attaching labels to tin, first rub the surface with a mixture of muriatic acid and alcohol; then apply the label with a very thin coating of the paste, and it will adhere almost as well as on glass.

CREAM CAKES.

Put in a sauce pan two cups of water and one cup of butter; boil together and stir in two scanty cups of flour. Stir very briskly, and when nearly cool stir in five eggs, one at a time, and bake in small round cakes, dropped on a sheet iron from a spoon. Have them of uniform size and shape. When cool split open one side and fill with cream made of two cups of boiling milk, into which is stirred one-half cup of flour, three eggs, one cup of sugar and lemon or vanilla flavoring.

GLOSSY STARCH.

Take two ounces of white gum arabic powder, put into a pitcher and pour on it a pint of boiling water, according to the degree of strength you desire, and then, having covered it, let it stand all night. In the morning pour it carefully from the dregs into a clean bottle—keep it for use. A tablespoonful of gum water stirred into a pint of starch that has been made in the usual manner will give lawns, either black or printed, a look of newness, when nothing else can restore them

after washing. It is also good, much diluted, for chin white, muslin and bobnet.

OLD-FASHIONED CONNECTICUT DOUGH-NUTS.

Two and a half cups sugar; one and a half cups butter; two cups of yeast or one small compressed yeast cake; two cups of milk; four or five eggs; two nutmegs; one teaspoonful soda, and flour enough to make almost as stiff as biscuit. Put all the ingredients together at night; and let it rise till morning. When it is light roll out and let it rise again, then shape into cakes and fry in hot lard. When done, sprinkle pulverized sugar over them. If fresh suet is mixed with the lard half and half, it is much better than all lard.

MANNERS FOR BOYS.

In the street—Hat lifted when saying "good-bye," or, "How do you do?" Also when offering a lady a seat, or acknowledging a favor.

Keep step with any one you walk with. Always precede a lady upstairs, but ask if you shall precede her in going through a crowd or public place.

At the street door—Hat off the moment you step into a private hall or office.

Let a lady pass first always, unless she asks you to precede her.

In the parlor—Stand till every lady in the room, also older people, are seated.

Rise if a lady enters the room after you are seated, and stand till she takes a seat.

Look people straight in the face when they are speaking to you.

Let ladies pass through a door first, standing aside for them.

In the dining-room—Take your seat after ladies and elders.

Never play with your knife, ring or spoon.

Do not take your napkin up in a bunch in your hand.

Eat as fast or as slow as others and finish the course when they do.

Do not ask to be excused before the others unless the reason is imperative.

Rise when ladies leave the room, and stand till they are out.

If all go together, the gentlemen stand by the door till the ladies pass.

Special rules for the mouth—Smacking the lips and all noise should be avoided.

If obliged to take anything from the mouth, cover it with your hand or napkin.

THE SILK INDUSTRY.

The leading place in the silk industries of the world is rapidly being transferred to the United States. It has left Milan and Lyons, to the regret and astonishment of Europe, and to the confusion of the dulleards in this country who could not see that it was to come at all, and who have resisted all the agencies that have brought it here. Its benefits to Pennsylvania are already very considerable. It has become established in almost every town and city of the eastern part of the State, north of the latitude of Philadelphia. There are five mills at Darby making spun silk, and within the limits of the city of Philadelphia nearly 100 mills spinning and weaving silk and silk-mixed goods. Plushes and velvets have recently been added, and there are two mills on dress goods, the most of the establishments making upholstery fabrics, curtains, turcomans, ribbons, fringes, braids and trimmings. The product of all these is very large and rapidly increasing, employing about 8000 persons.

THE HOT WATER CURE.

"My dear," remarked Mrs. De Wiggs, at the breakfast table this morning, "Dio Lewis says that hot water cures all diseases."

"He does, does he?" said Mr. De Wiggs.

"Yes, and persons who use the treatment ought never to be sick at all."

"Well, I don't believe it."

"Why?"

"You know how sick I am all the time."

"But you have never tried the hot-water cure."

"What! Never tried it!" ejaculated De Wiggs, as he sidled towards the door. "Why, I've been in hot water ever since I married you."

He got out just in time to miss a teacup fired at him as a parting salute.

Science and Industry.

In Levy County, Fla., strawberries are ripe and peaches as big as hickory nuts.

Among the 103,000 shareholders of the Panama Canal there are 16,000 women.

The monument which is to be placed above the graves of General Tombs and his wife at Washington, Ga., is a draped shaft of Italian marble twenty-five feet in height.

There are now in use in the United States 95,000 arc lights and 250,000 incandescent lights, and the money invested in the electric light industry amounts to \$70,000,000.

Sunlight has been put to odd use at Brussels. Falling on a small shaft the rays cause an upward draught of air which sets a fan in motion, and that in turn starts machinery that winds a clock.

The first pound of smoking tobacco manufactured by the National knights of Labor Tobacco Co., of this city, was sold at auction at noon Tuesday for the benefit of St. John's Hospital. It was bought by Mr. M. Boles at \$30.00. The second pound was bought by Messrs. Moore & Proctor at \$6.00.—*Raleigh Chronicle*.

Industries besides that of agriculture are making steady progress in India. The first cotton-spinning mill was established at Bombay as late as 1857. By the year 1882-83 the number of mills had grown to sixty-two, the majority of them being situated in the Bombay presidency. Capital to the amount of \$4,500,000 was invested in them. At Calcutta there were twenty jute mills in 1883.

A St. Louis doctor is credited with having cut off the tails of two lizards and united the animals by sewing the stumps, together, thus making a species of Siamese twins. The object of the experiment was to ascertain if blood could be transfused by this method; and one writer maintains that if, for example, a weak and bloodless invalid were attached in this manner to a strong and healthy animal, the result must be favorable to the invalid. Dr. Roussel, of Paris, is said to have met with encouraging success in such an experiment.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Less acres, and more bushels per acre, is a good starting point for next year's crop plans.

Every farmer should know enough of law to keep him out of law-suits—but that's plenty.

In planning for the new house on the farm, make the rooms large enough, even if you must make less of them.

The way to make the fodder count as it goes out, is to feed it in clean racks and mangers, and to feed the cattle liberally.

At Hamilton, Canada, on one of the very cold but sunny days common to that locality a difference of 35 degrees exists between the shady and the sunny side of the street.

The third and fourth-class postmasters in convention at Chicago declare against the postal savings bank system. They say that their wages do not warrant the purchasing of a \$500 burglar proof safe.

Jeff. Davis is described by the latest visitor to Beauvoir as standing erect and, save for his full white beard and silver hair, showing no signs of senility or decay. He dresses in black, wears a planter's broad-brimmed hat and carries a cane, but does not lean upon it.

I speak of which I do know. If my young friends will be governed by my advice I have this to say after all my success as a public man, now, when my head is blossoming for the grave, I feel that it would have been better for me if I had followed the occupation of my father, and been a farmer.—*Hon. B. G. Brown*.

A convention of the grape and wine growers of the United States is called by the national association, to meet in Washington, D. C., in May, for the purpose of furthering the interests of this industry. A committee of one hundred has been appointed to effect local organizations. It is intended to hold an exposition of American wines and other products of the grape at the same time and place with the convention.

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